

Advertisement Notice of Public Hearing

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will hold public hearings regarding the State regulations for special education as required for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from persons interested in special education services for children ages 5K to 21. Public hearings are scheduled for the following dates and locations from 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

February 7	Columbia	Columbia Public Schools Smithton Middle School, Cafetorium 3600 W. Worley Columbia, MO 65203
February 8	St. Louis	Special School District of St. Louis County, Board Room 12110 Clayton Road Town & Country, MO 63131
February 14	Kansas City	Kansas City Public Schools Manual Career Technical School 1215 E. Truman Rd. Kansas City, MO 64106

Individuals who require special accommodations to attend a public hearing need to contact the Division of Special Education at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at least 72 hours prior to the event, (Telephone 573-526-7605 or RELAY in Missouri: 1-800-735-2966 TDD).

Copies of the proposed changes to the regulations for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) will be available for review during regular office hours in the Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson Building, 4th Floor, Jefferson City, MO. The proposed changes are also available on the Division of Special Education website at <http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/stateplan/index.html>.

Written comments regarding the State regulations may be submitted to the Coordinator, Special Education Services, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or via e-mail at Idea.Comments@dese.mo.gov by close of business on February 27, 2007.

Following the public comment period, the State regulations will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs of the U. S. Department of Education and the Missouri State Board of Education for final approval.